



THE BAHAMAS



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II
represented by Governor General Cornelius A. SMITH

Head of Government

Prime Minister Hubert MINNIS

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital

Nassau

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (16 seats) and the House of Assembly (39 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Appeal (consists of the court president and 4 justices, organized in 3-member panels);
Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and a maximum of 11 and a minimum of 2 justices)
note: the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London) serves as the final court of appeal for The Bahamas

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Sidney Stanley COLLIE

US Ambassador

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Stephanie BOWERS

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 13,880 sq km
Land: 10,010 sq km
Water: 3,870 sq km

Climate

tropical marine; moderated by warm waters of Gulf Stream

Natural Resources

salt, aragonite, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

tourism accounts for 50% and financial services 15% of the Bahamas' GDP; public debt increased in 2017, in large part due to hurricane reconstruction and relief financing

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$12.06 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$32,400 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$550 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 63.9%, Namibia 19.3% (2017)

Imports

\$3.18 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 83.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

337,700 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.75% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

black 90.6%, white 4.7%,
black and white 2.1%,
other 1.9%, unspecified 0.7% (2010 est.)

Language

English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)

Religion

Protestant 69.9%, Roman Catholic 12%, other Christian 13%,
other 0.6%, none 1.9%, unspecified 2.6% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 83.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.13% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

